

Crawford Residence  
Chagrin Falls  
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Owner (or Custodian) Mr. W. J. Crawford

Date of Erection Built about 1837.

Architect

Builder Main part formerly owned and built by  
Dr. Vincent, addition built by Mr.  
Hutchinson.

Present Condition In good condition

Number of Stories Front elevation - two and one-  
half stories. Rear wing, one  
and one-half stories.

Other Existing Records: Three drawings  
Four photographs  
One page of history

Additional Data:

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6/14/37

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Built in the year 1837. Early American type of frame construction with stone foundation. Original square part was built and owned by Dr. Vincent, who was interested in the abolition of slaves. A tunnel connecting Chagrin River and the house was used as a secret passage. The river is 200 feet away from the house and is 100 feet below grade at northeast corner of the building.

The west wing was built by a Mr. Hutchins, a brickmaker, who acquired the house from Dr. Vincent. Hutchins was not able to write, but carried out the addition with details very close to the original house in this later addition.

The present owner, Mr. W. J. Crawford, leased the house to J. A. Spencer.

The walls of the original house are 6" thick of 7/8 to 1 1/8" boards laid one on top of the other and known as a packed wall. All exterior walls are plastered. The original glass in the old part is still there, and shows a crude wavy surface.

The roof is supported on heavy hand-hewn beams forming a truss whose bottom member is 1'7" above attic floor.

The sills are wood 4" thick. First floor has been recovered with Parquet flooring. The second floor is 4' to 6". Boards painted.

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